

**SCOTTSDALE PRIDE COMMITTEE
ONE CIVIC CENTER
7447 E. INDIAN SCHOOL
PLAN REVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM
SCOTTSDALE, AZ
OCTOBER 6, 2005**

**AMENDED MINUTES
AS APPROVED NOVEMBER 3, 2005**

Present: Cristina Lenko (Chair)
Donald Scott (Vice-Chair)
Vicki Carr
Richard Kimberly
Ronald Robins
Judy Snyder - (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)
Stewart Walowitz
Pamela Wheeler

Absent: Chandra Bonfiglio
Carol Cerrito
Rosanna Organ
Zachary Stahmer
Sonnie Stevens
Richard Taylor
Cathy Zebarth

Staff: Rob Millar
Lisa Cline
James Livingston

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Lenko. A roll call confirmed the presence of Committee members as noted above.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

MR. ROBINS MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SCOTT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7 (SEVEN) TO 0 (ZERO).

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLE DAY

James Livingston, Solid Waste Management Systems Coordinator, explained the process of household hazardous waste collection. Items accepted on hazardous waste days include: drain cleaners, detergents, bleaches, pool acids, chlorine, photo

chemicals, paints & thinners, chemical fertilizers, antifreeze, motor oil, car batteries, insecticides and weed killers.

Mr. Livingston explained that if the City retained possession of the hazardous waste for more than 24 hours they would be considered a storer of hazardous waste and EPA regulations would be much more stringent, therefore, all collected material is immediately passed along to a vendor who removes it.

Mr. Livingston distributed a flyer entitled: Household Hazardous Waste Collection and a spreadsheet noting hazardous waste collection statistics from November, 2000 through April of 2005. The next collection day will occur on November 5th, 2005 from 7:30 am to 2 p.m.

Mr. Kimberly inquired about collection of computers. Mr. Livingston distributed an additional handout entitled: Electronics Recycling Day, which will occur on October 15th, from 7:30 am to 2 p.m.

Mr. Kimberly inquired regarding motor oil. Mr. Livingstone noted that the Solid Waste Management website has a list of alternative places where items can be taken.

Mr. Kimberly asked about appliance recycling. Residents need to call the City so the truck can be dispatched to their address on the last Wednesday of every month. Mr. Livingston addressed brush and bulk collection and invited the Committee members to observe the Household Hazardous Waste Day. Chair Lenko noted that the Committee has a conflict on November 5th, which is Treasures and Trash day.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Chair Lenko reminded the Committee that this had been briefly discussed at the last meeting. She has been researching how community gardens operate. Ms. Sever had mentioned that the City is focusing a great deal of attention on the Los Arcos neighborhood. She thought that a Pride Neighborhood Cleanup day might be a good project. Chair Lenko suggested creating a Pride Community garden adjacent to the Vista del Camino Community Center. This could provide an opportunity to invite children to learn about gardening and develop a sense of ownership in the neighborhood. She noted that this would be a big project for the Pride Committee and asked the members how they felt about this, noting that at the December retreat the Committee will be looking at projects.

Vice-Chair Scott asked if Los Arcos has a neighborhood association or a spokesperson to represent them. Mr. Millar stated that they do have a couple of individuals that represent the neighborhood.

Mr. Robins suggested that the project be tabled until the retreat and considered as a project for next year.

Ms. Wheeler opined that there is so much to understand with regard to the logistics of a community garden. Perhaps someone could speak on that at the retreat. Ms. Carr commented about dogs running loose in the area, noting that the park is very heavily used.

Vice-Chair Scott opined that it is the start of a great idea, but noted that many unanswered questions remain. Mr. Walowitz agreed with Vice-Chair Scott's comments and questioned whether there is something else that the neighborhood needs more. He would like to hear from the community spokespersons. Chair Lenko wondered whether it would be possible to invite them to the November meeting. She volunteered to work on that and agreed that it would be better to have all the Committee members present.

Mr. Robins said he would like the opportunity to go out and view the subject property. Chair Lenko noted that another idea could be that the Committee adopts a neighborhood. She noted the City's support, which could equal money needed for gardening tools.

TREASURES AND TRASH UPDATE

Ms. Cline noted that Treasures and Trash is scheduled for November 5th. She asked for volunteers to help at Indian School Park and distributed a sign-up sheet for the event. Two hundred fifteen people have volunteered to date. .

The Committee members who had attended the GAIN Kick-off event received pens and gratitude.

Ms. Cline announced that Vice Chair Scott was instrumental in getting the grand prizes for the Treasures and Trash. The two main prizes (one for each site) are a two-night stay at The Boulders in Carefree and a two-night stay at the Desert Ridge Spa. There are also some secondary prizes.

Chair Lenko asked how people can register. For the first time this year, participants can register online. Information has been circulated to neighborhood groups and Neighborhood Watch captains. Hard copy forms are available from Ms. Cline. She noted that at Vice-Chair Scott's suggestion, she has sent the information out to middle schools and high schools.

A discussion ensued about the logistics of assigning areas to volunteers, including any who show up unannounced.

Mr. Kimberly commented that there is a desert area south of Jomax filled with trash and heavy dumped items. Ms. Cline asked him to e-mail her the exact location. She will contact Solid Waste to have them clean the area.

Mr. Walowitz asked about contacting scout troops to help. Ms. Cline explained that the information is on the website and in press releases and in the water bills. Ms. Carr noted a Boys and Girls Club at Eldorado Park.

Mr. Robins inquired about advertising. Ms. Cline explained that they send out press releases and hope for timely media coverage. She presented the Committee with a stack of the Treasures and Trash flyers for members to hand out and hoped to have the t-shirts ready for the next Committee meeting.

Vice-Chair Scott requested that letters be drafted thanking the major prize donors, to be signed by the whole Committee. Ms. Cline undertook to prepare drafts of the letters.

In response to a query from Mr. Robins, Ms. Cline indicated that another sub-committee is unlikely to occur prior to the event.

DECEMBER RETREAT

Mr. Millar noted that the retreat has previously been held in January, but will be on Thursday, December 1st this year in lieu of the regular December meeting. In order to be prepared for the retreat he asked that Committee members bring three ideas to the regular meeting in November. These can be just concepts. He will send out an e-mail to all Committee members so everyone knows what they need to do. These ideas will be briefly shared at the November meeting, but not discussed exhaustively.

Vice-Chair Scott discussed the parameters noted on the website. At the last retreat there was a master list of ideas that had been discussed over the years. He suggested that a copy of that master list be included in the e-mail message. He recalled that Ms. Sever had displayed a list of past projects and ideas.

Mr. Millar noted that the goal of the retreat will be to formulate a game plan as to what the focus will be for the Committee for the next 12 months. He suggested that the Committee look at things needed in their own neighborhoods. Mr. Millar noted the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission has similar objectives as those of the Pride Committee. He suggested that the Committee consider the possibility of partnering with the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission on projects.

Mr. Kimberly requested that staff send out meeting dates of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission.

Mr. Walowitz noted that as a new Committee member he was coming with a blank slate and was interested in the work of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission. Vice-Chair Scott agreed that the Committee really does have a blank slate. Mr. Millar noted that the Pride Committee is known as people out there rolling up their sleeves and doing projects. This is why the Committee has 15 members. The Committee has no budget, but Mr. Millar said that they can solicit donations for projects.

Ms. Snyder inquired as to whether there have been educational workshops. Mr. Millar responded that the department has offered classes but he was not aware of any sponsored by the Pride Committee.

Vice-Chair Scott volunteered to look for an alternate venue for the retreat.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Mr. Millar reminded the Committee that elections are on the November agenda.

STAFF UPDATES

Rob Millar remarked that on November 12th, a group is getting together to canvass 530 homes in an informal survey, asking residents how things are going in the neighborhood. During the survey, residents who respond will be given a smoke detector. Ms. Sever is spearheading the event and there are opportunities for the Committee to be involved.

Mr. Millar presented the Committee with two documents relating to Open Meeting Law. He reminded the Committee that last month the Committee had discussed the use of e-mails and how to stay within the law. The present documents speak more specifically on the rules and regulations to be followed. A staff member from the City Attorney's office will attend the November meeting to further discuss this matter.

MEMBER UPDATES

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A-V Tronics, Inc.